

News Release

Clean Water for Everyone Benefit Dinner to be held at U of M, Crookston on Monday, February 20, 2012; Dinner and program in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center at 6 p.m.

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A dinner and program will celebrate the work of Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) at the University of Minnesota, Crookston and raise awareness of the desperate need for clean water around the world. The Clean Water for Everyone Benefit Dinner will be held on Monday, February 20, 2012, in Bede Ballroom, Sargeant Student Center. The dinner will celebrate the first permanent water filtration site established by SIFE at a boarding school in the country of Nepal and educate guests on how they can become involved. The evening begins at 6 p.m. and tickets for the dinner are \$20 per person. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Anthony Taylor at 218-275-3287.

The Clean Water for Everyone initiative was established to help provide access to clean water in third world countries. In Nepal, SIFE is funding a water pump station for a boarding school. The system pumps water out of a river, filters it, and then supplies the clean water to the school.

During the program, guests will have an opportunity to learn about a second clean water project planned for Nigeria to help supply a community with water. Both projects are the result of connections by students from Nigeria and Nepal who attend the U of M, Crookston.

Musical selections by Brooke Hamilton, a junior majoring in business from Adams, Minn., Kim "Blair" Na Young, a sophomore from Seoul, South Korea, along with the UMC Choir under the direction of Associate Professor George French will also highlight the evening program. The dinner is being sponsored in part by Sodexo Dining Services and if a business is interested in helping with sponsorship, they can contact Anthony Taylor or Kenneth Johnson at 218-281-8190.

Spearheading SIFE's clean water effort are Anthony Taylor, a junior majoring in management from Sheridan, Wyo.; Abbey Wemimo, a junior majoring in business from Lagos, Nigeria; and Tashi Gurung, a sophomore majoring in environmental sciences from Mustang, Nepal; and Alex Buscher, a sophomore majoring in business from Brainerd, Minn., who serves as the president of SIFE. The organization is advised by business instructors Kenneth Johnson, Courtney Bergman and Rachel Lundbohm.

"After the Earthquake in Haiti, our SIFE team recognized what a huge problem a lack of clean water for people was all over the world," explains Taylor. "It is our mission with this project to help as many areas as possible by providing them with a clean water source."

For more information on the business program at the U of M, Crookston, visit www.umcrookston.edu/academics/bus.

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